# Alberta Treasury
# Economic Bulletin

## ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 23 TO May 26, 2000

| | Reference Period | Month/Previous Month | Month'00/ Month'99 | Comments |
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| Manufacturing Shipments ($millions) | March | | | |
| Alberta | 3,464 | 4.5% | 24.4% | Alberta manufacturing shipments increased in 13 of the 15 sectors. The largest gains were experienced in the petroleum (partially reflecting higher prices), primary metal and transportation products sectors. Alberta, with a 4.5% increase in March, was third among the provinces behind Prince Edward Island (6.0%) and Ontario (4.8%). |
| Canada | 44,886 | 3.8% | 13.0% | |
| Industrial Product Price Index (1992=100) | April 126.8 | 0.0% | 5.6% | Industrial product prices in April were unchanged from March. This halted 13 consecutive months of increases. The year-over-year increase in Canadian product prices was the highest increase among the G-7 countries. |
| Raw Materials Price Index (1992=100) | April 134.1 | -6.0% | 19.7% | The large fall in the index in the month of April (-6.0%) was mainly due to the significant drop in the price of oil. In April, the year over year change was 19.7%, a substantial drop from the March figure of 33%. This too was mainly due to the fall in the price of oil. |
| Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions) | 1Q, 2000 | | | |
| Alberta | 1,763 | n.a. | 3.3% [a] | In the first three months of 2000, Alberta's total farm cash receipts rose by 3.3%, compared to the same period in 1999. This is the fifth largest increase among provinces, behind Ontario (11.8%), British Columbia (7.5%), Nova Scotia (5.8%), and Quebec (6.7%). |
| Canada | 7,933 | n.a. | 1.4% [a] | |

[a] from 1Q 1999